

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 29, 2021**

Mayor Rodman read the ad for the Public Hearing. It was run in the paper on March 4, 2021. There two pieces of property for discussion. One is the Phipps and one is RBT.

PHIPPS PROPERTY – This property will be rezoned from R-1 to C-2. There were No comments.

RBT PROPERTY – This property will be rezoned from R-3 to C-3.

Mr. Will Foehring – Mr. Foehring asked that the R-3 be left in the project.

Mr. Greg Rollins -- Mr. Rollins stated that the is a life long resident of Monteagle and lives on Overton Street. He has traveled around the Unites States and thinks that the travel center will have a negative impact on the town. He asked that the council make the right decision.

Mr. Jim Waller – He is a life long resident and an engineer for over 55 years. He is concerned about drainage and water supply. He is also concerned about wells being on the property.

Ms. Debra Reed -- She does not live here but has residential and commercial property in Monteagle. Her concern is water supply and the jugs of urine that is poured out . Will it go in our water supply.

Kyle Lewis – He is a 39 year resident and a truck driver. He has 800 truck drivers in support of the travel center. Truck drivers drive for 11 hours then they have to stop for 10 hours. New trucks have clean idle. Drivers are trained to look for women and children that may have been abducted. There are drugs in all counties. The travel center will be well lit and clean. The drivers need this.

Celeste Reed – She is a part-time resident. She loves the clean natural environment and would not want to see the rezoning happen.

Mary Beth Best – She lives at 521 Lautzenheiser Place which is 282 ft from the project. She quoted from ordinances and asked that the council honor their own code. She gave a packet for each council member.

Rodney Kilgore – He stated that the property was C-3 when they bought it. Politics got involved with the last administration, Tony Gilliam, Kenneth Gipson and Jessica Blalock. TDEC and the State of Tennessee will make sure that the project is done right. There will be a fence and some of the houses are closer to Pilot than they will be to this project.

Debra Reed – This is not about the truck drivers. It's about being in a small town and the noise, air, water and pollution. It's too much.

Mr. Howell Adams – He is from Beersheba Springs and his family has enjoyed the beauty of the plateau since 1870. When he retired he wanted to make a difference. He is very passionate about the natural beauty of the mountain. The impact of the truck stop would be detrimental.

Mary Mellon Clark – She is from MSSA and has been coming to Monteagle for years. There needs to be studies done.

Billy Moon – He has lived here since 1967 out behind the Truck Plaza. They deal with trucks when they pull out of their driveway. They have a well on their property how will it affect the well. Water runs down the ditch and causes problems. What about property values. The impact will be negative and the people will be long after the business is gone.

There being no other citizens to speak the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, Marilyn Rodman

Debbie Taylor, City Recorder